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April 20, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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APRIL 20, 2010

SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION:
APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION
ASSIGNING TO THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY THE COUNTY'S
RIGHT TO APPLY FOR COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS FOR THE
SAN GABRIEL RIVER BIKE TRAIL GATEWAY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate County Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District to the Department of Parks and Recreation and assign to the Watershed Conservation Authority the County's right to apply for these funds for the San Gabriel River Bike Trail Gateway Enhancement Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the proposed project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to Sections 15301, 15303 and 15304 of the State California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Classes 1, 3, and 4 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the proposed project involves enhancement of an existing public facility, installation of small structures and minor alterations to the condition of land.

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- 2. Approve the allocation of County Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District, to the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- 3. Adopt a resolution assigning to the Watershed Conservation Authority the County's right to apply for \$84,000 of County Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District, allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for the San Gabriel River Bike Trail Gateway Enhancement Project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) to apply for \$84,000 of County Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District for the implementation of the San Gabriel River Bike Trail Gateway Enhancement project. These funds are allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 and administered by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District).

The project will consist of an approximately 15,000 square-foot enhancement of an existing San Gabriel River bike trail entrance, including site preparation, landscaping, art sculpture, and a monument sign for the trail connection at Arrow Highway adjacent to the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area. The total project cost is \$89,000. The WCA will supplement the \$84,000 of County Excess Funds with a \$5,000 grant from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

In a related action on today's agenda, the District is requesting that your Board allocate First Supervisorial District County Excess Funds to the Department of Parks and Recreation and the right to apply for these funds to the WCA.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Countywide Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Children, Family, and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by investing in public infrastructure that will enhance recreational opportunities at Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total project cost is \$89,000. The proposed project is funded with \$84,000 of County Excess Funds and \$5,000 grant funds from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy to fully fund the project.

Sufficient appropriation in the amount of \$84,000 to fund the San Gabriel River Bike Trail Gateway Enhancement project is budgeted in the First Supervisorial District's portion of the District's Excess Funds Project Fund.

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FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition provides a method of determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects (Excess Funds) in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended actions will allow the WCA to apply for County Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District for County projects.

County Counsel has approved the attached Resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Sections 15301, 15303 and 15304 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1, 3, and 4 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the proposed project involves enhancement of an existing public facility, installation of small structures, and minor alterations to the condition of land.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will not impact any other services, or any current or planned projects at Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
 County Counsel
 Arts Commission
 Department of Parks and Recreation

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

APPROVING ASSIGNMENT OF THE COUNTY'S RIGHT TO APPLY TO THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996

WHEREAS, the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (Proposition A) allocated funding to the County of Los Angeles to provide funding for the acquisition and development of parks and recreational areas owned or operated by the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the County may assign its right to apply for these funds to other agencies to implement the intent of Proposition A; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) is requesting \$84,000 of County Excess Funds for the San Gabriel Bike Trail Gateway Enhancement Project; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it is in the County's best interest to assign the County's right to apply for these funds to WCA; and

WHEREAS, WCA will submit an application to the Regional Park and Open Space District (District) to obtain a grant for the above-referenced project and will be required to provide assurances to the District that the funds will be expended in accordance with the intent of Proposition A and the procedural guidelines adopted by your Board, acting as the Board of the District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby:

Approves the assignment of the County's right to apply for County Excess Funds to the Watershed Conservation Authority in the amount of \$84,000 for implementation of the San Gabriel River Bike Trail Gateway Enhancement Project.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 20th day of April , 2010, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, Agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

County of Los Angeles

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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County Counsel

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